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1. The pharmacy department was a part of the chemistry department. The leading pharmacy professors, all of whom remained in Latvia, were: Dr Svirlovskis, who is probably deceased, Dr Maizitis, about 60, and Viktors Skilters, about 55, who is married and has three grown children.

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2. The chemistry and pharmacy departments had a director or dean and in 1944 this position was held by a Professor Augusts Keshans, who is about 65 and remained in Latvia. He was professor of inorganic chemistry and the pharmacy students also had to take his course in chemistry. The professor of organic chemistry, who also taught chemists and pharmacists, was Dr Gustavs Vanage. He moved out to Germany in 1944, but went only to Danzig. There the advancing Soviet Army got him and he later returned to Riga where he apparently got back his chair of organic chemistry and afterwards published several papers. He is about 60 and has a son. Physical chemistry was taught by Janis Krustins, about 55, who remained in Latvia and is not married. [REDACTED] In 1944 the head of chemical technology was Martins Primanis who was also the president (rektor) of the university. He died after WW II in Germany.

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3. The chemistry, part of the pharmacy, physics, geography, and some other branches were not located in the main (old) university building (shown in the photos), but in the laboratory building which is located in the Kronvalda Boulevard 4, near the city canal, the state theatre building, and the Riga garrison territory (see sketch). This is a rather large (about four story) building among trees. In the main building were located the central offices of the university as well as the departments of languages, psychology and philosophy, economics and law, engineering, and architecture. Some parts of the pharmacy, the treasurer's office and some other departments were also located in a building on Baznicas Street. The department of medicine was in another building located on Kronvalda Boulevard as indicated on the sketch.

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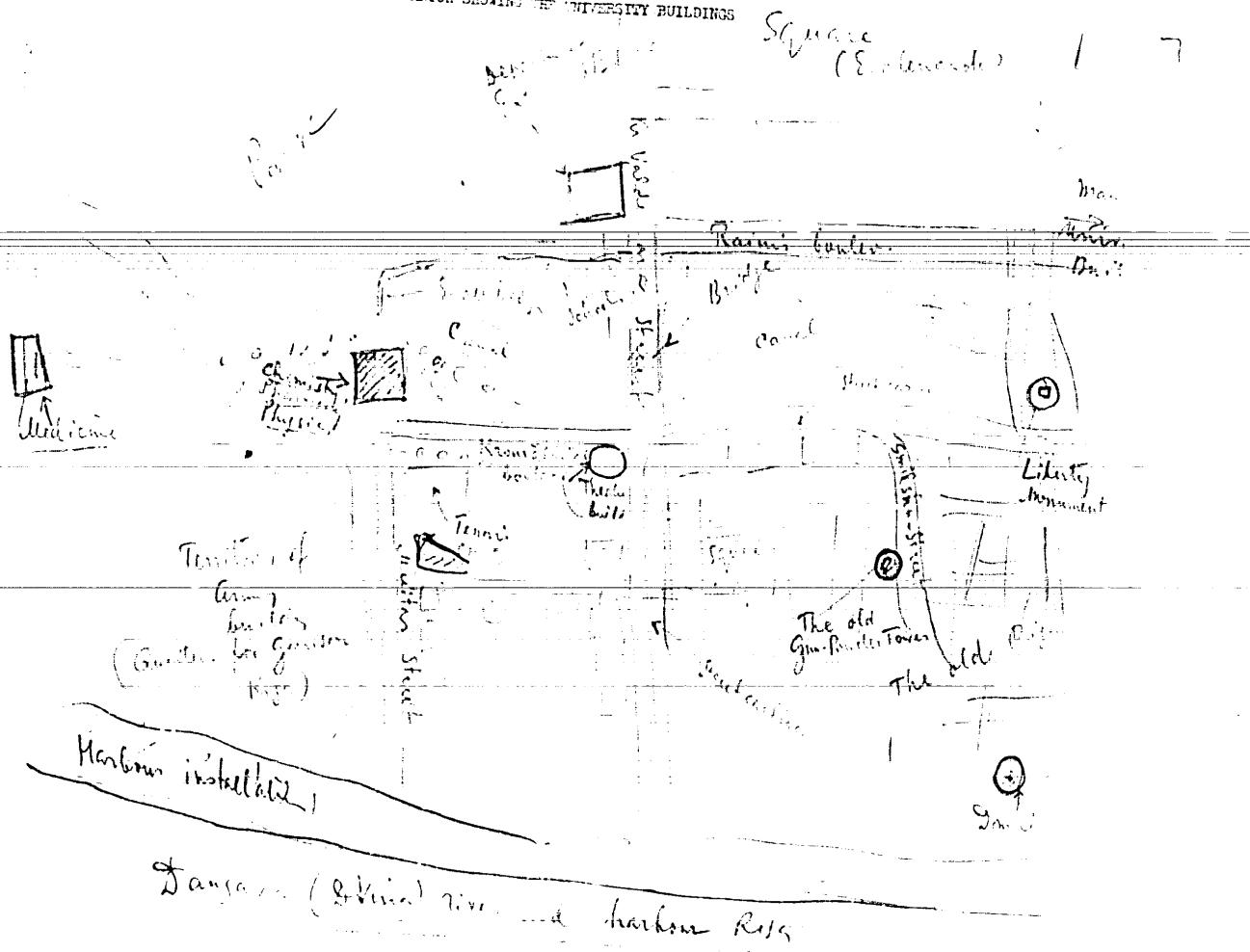
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SKETCH SHOWING THE UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS



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KISH LAKE, KEZHA PARKS SUBURB. DIRECTION NORTHEAST.
Before 1944.

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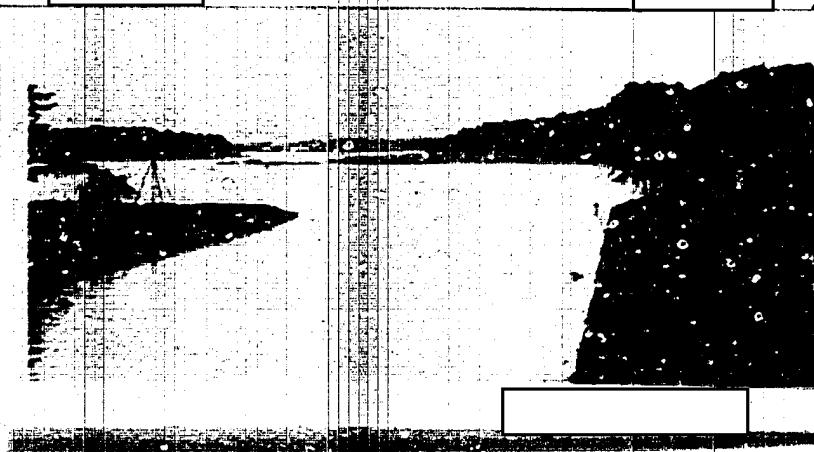
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BALTEZERS LAKE AND CHANNEL JOINING GAUJA RIVER FROM BRIDGE.
CHANNEL ALSO JOINS KISH LAKE AND DVINA RIVER. BEFORE 1944.

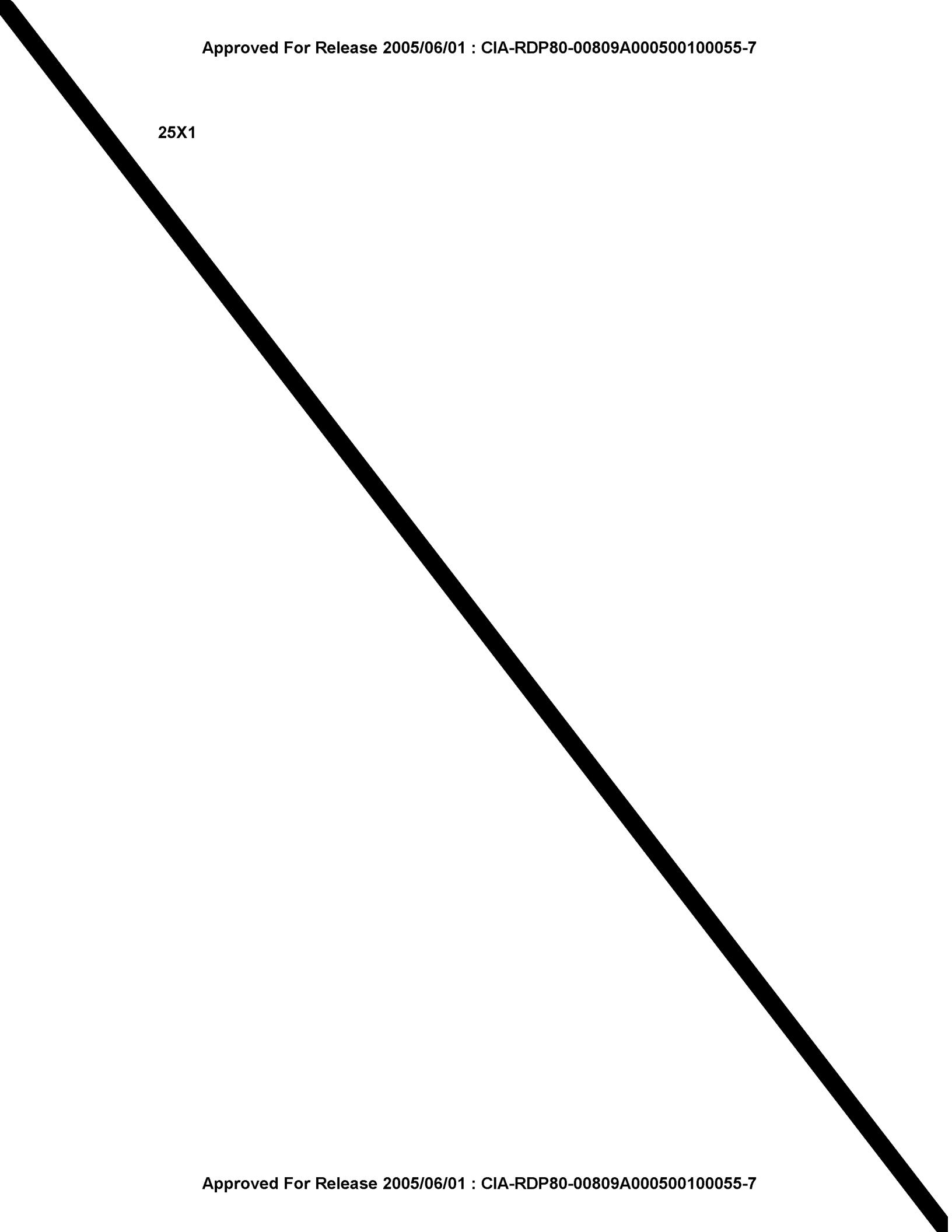
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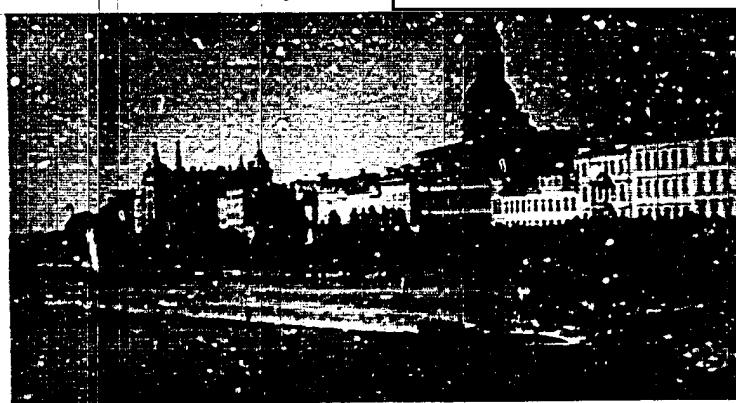
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Dvina River. Before 1944.



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"BROTHERS" CEMETARY. MAIN GATE. BEFORE 1944.

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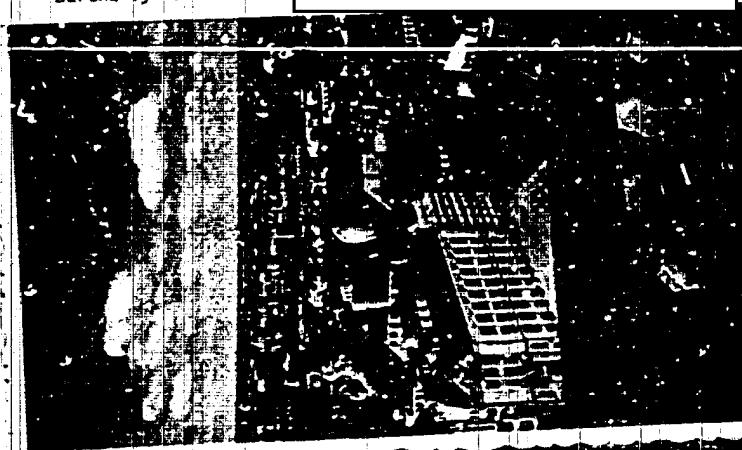


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FROM TOWER OF CHURCH N DOWNSIDE DIRECTION EAST
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